



CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

Central California's Stake

Two trends define central California in the late 1990's: the continued strength of farming (45% of America's produce grows in California) and the expansion of central valley towns and cities. Both of these trends, critical to the region's economy and social structure, depend upon water.

Because a significant proportion of central California's water comes from the Bay-Delta, communities there have much to gain from the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Better Water Quality

Agricultural productivity drops when salt water intrudes too far into the freshwater Delta. The Bay-Delta solution will address salt intrusion and other water quality challenges facing Central Valley farmers.

A More Reliable Water Supply

All of CALFED's alternative solutions include a range of options to increase water storage capacity. The range includes offstream storage along the San Joaquin River system and greater capacity to store Delta export water.

Better Water Conveyance

Also, whichever alternative solution is chosen, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will improve the way water moves through the Delta to the export pumps. Equally important, the Program will restore the Bay-Delta ecosystem, reducing constraints on the export of water to farms and towns. (Currently, when too many endangered-species fish approach the south Delta pumps, pumping temporarily shuts down to protect them. When the ecosystem returns to health, these unpredictable curtailments are expected to decline.) While the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will not solve all of California's water supply problems, it will help close the projected water supply gap.

Want To Know More?

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